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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 27 February 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

312-Amendment filed 2/27/06 is entered in part, except deleting the limitation of "and the silicide layer" in claim 37, line 7. In other words, deleting the limitations of "and the silicide layer" in claim 37, at line 7, is disapproved and not entered since it is affecting the scope of the invention. Therefore, Examiner's amendment is included herewith for claim 37, accordingly.



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## DETAILED ACTION

\*\*\* In according to 312 Communication, claim 37 is shown below.

### Examiner's Amendment

\*\*\* An examiner's amendment to the record appears below.

IN THE CLAIM: Replacing and amending Claim 37 as follows:

37. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
- forming a metal line air-bridge structure, which has ~~having~~ a number of top, bottom, and side exposed surfaces adjacent to a number of interstices in the air-bridge structure and connects to a number of silicon devices in a substrate;
  - covering the exposed surfaces of the air-bridge structure with a silicide layer;
  - hermetically sealing metal lines of the air-bridge structure underlying a nitride layer on the silicide layer and the silicide layer; and
  - providing a low dielectric constant insulator in the number of interstices.

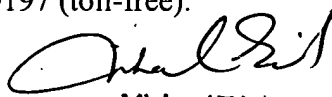
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